

Patent Claims

1. A clamping device for the steering column of a motor vehicle, said device comprising two jaw-shaped components running vertically parallel to one another, between which a casing tube of the steering column extends and which have two opposing through-openings, and a clamping bolt, which passes through the through-openings and interacts by tensioning with a counter-element in order to apply the clamping force, the bolt head being arranged on sides of the exterior of the one jaw-shaped component and the counter-element on sides of the exterior of the other jaw-shaped component, **characterized in that** one jaw-shaped component (2) is of elastically flexible design, at least in the thickness direction, and that another jaw-shaped component (3) is of flexurally rigid design, at least in the thickness direction.
2. The device as claimed in claim 1, **characterized in that** the two components (2, 3) are made from the same material, the flexurally rigid component (3) being designed with a correspondingly large wall thickness and the elastically flexible component (2) with a correspondingly small wall thickness.
3. The device as claimed in either of claims 1 or 2, **characterized in that** the two components (2, 3) are fitted to the body of the vehicle.

4. The device as claimed in either of claims 1 or 2, **characterized in that** the two component (2, 3) are arranged on a mounting bracket (5), which is firmly fixed to the vehicle.
5. The device as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 4, **characterized in that** at least one transversely flexible shim (12, 13), which is fixed to the steering column casing tube, is arranged on the clamping bolt (6) next to an exterior (10, 11) of at least one of the components (2, 3).